

REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Rejections over Inoue

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Inoue et al., U.S. Publication No. 2001/0011373. The grounds of rejection state that paragraph [0103] of Inoue discloses tuning the selection channel and updating corresponding EPG information, as recited in independent claims 1 and 3. However, paragraph [0103] of Inoue instead describes moving the cursor within the program table in the time axis direction (paragraph [0103], lines 3-5). If the cursor is moved in the time access direction to a program cell not included in the program area, then the time unit including this program cell is positioned at the lead (paragraph [0103], lines 12-17). The program cell is thus updated to reflect program information for a newly selected time band. This updating of program information is associated with moving the cursor in the time axis, rather than tuning the selection channel, as claims 1 and 3 recite. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 3 distinguish over Inoue, and that claims 2, 4 and 5 distinguish over Inoue due at least to their dependence from claims 1 and 3.

The grounds of rejection further state that paragraph [0011] of Inoue teaches displaying EPG information of N channels, which EPG information has been previously stored, as recited in claims 1 and 3. However, paragraph [0011], lines 2-7 of Inoue teach that if the present day is selected to be displayed, then the program information for the time range including the program most recently received by the television is displayed. There is no mention of where the information comes from, nor is there mention of whether it has been previously stored. The

grounds of rejection do not point out how this element of claims 1 and 3 is present in Inoue, and thus fail to establish a prima facie case of anticipation of claims 1 and 3 by Inoue.

Rejections over Matsuyama

Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Matsuyama et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,239,359. The grounds of rejection assert that Matsuyama discloses a control unit configured to tune a current channel and to detect corresponding broadcast information upon receipt of a request command from an EPG mode to tune a channel selected from among channels for which the EPG information is displayed by said display unit, and then to update EPG information corresponding to the selected channel, as recited in claim 6. However, the grounds of rejection simply point to the tuner 2 of figure 1 of Matsuyama. Presumably this tuner can tune to a channel, but there is no explanation of how the tuner 2 might update EPG information corresponding to the selected channel. The grounds of rejection fail to point out where Matsuyama teaches a control unit that performs the steps recited in claim 6, and thus fail to establish a prima facie case of anticipation by Matsuyama. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7 also distinguishes over Matsuyama at least due to its dependence from claim 6.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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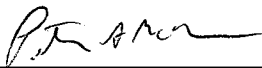
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